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## **FEDERAL INMATE INDICTED FOR ASSAULT**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that ANDRE D. BENNETT, 33, an inmate at the Federal Correctional Complex, Terre Haute, Indiana, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for assault resulting in serious bodily injury, following an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

The indictment alleges that on June 13, 2007 BENNETT assaulted fellow inmate James Russell by striking him in the head with his foot, thereby resulting in the serious bodily injury. This injury was the result of mutual combat. The legal definition of the term "serious bodily injury" includes a substantial risk of death, and Russell was pronounced dead due to blunt force trauma later on the day of the assault.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney James M. Warden, who is prosecuting the case for the government, BENNETT faces a maximum possible prison sentence of ten (10) years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Terre Haute, Indiana.

**The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.**

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